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SUBJECT: TEXTILES: SPAIN DEFINITIVELY ACCEPTS MFA

- 1. NOTE CIRCULATED MARCH 5 BY GATT DIRECTOR GENERAL LONG INFORMS MFA PARTICIPANTS THAT SPAIN HAS DEFINITVELY ACCEPTED THE ARRANGEMENT AS OF FEB 27, 1976.
- 2. US REP WOULD NOTE THAT PRECIPITOUS END TO LONG DELAY IN SPANISH RATIFICATION WAS RESULT DISPUTE WITH EC OVER UK'S "CHRISTMAS PACKAGE" RESTRICTIONS ON IMPORTS OF SPANISH YARN.
- 3. EC HAD "APPROVED" UK RESTRICTIONS WHICH WERE IMPOSED FOR SIX-MONTH PERIOD WITHOUT ANY EFFORT PRIOR OR SUBSEQUENT CONSULTATION WITH SPAIN AND HAD NOTIFIED RESTRICTIONS TO TSB UNDER MFA ART 3:6. SPAIN PRESENTED FORMAL COMPLAINT ON THESE RESTRICTIONS TO TSB FEB 24. AT THAT TIME, EC'S LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TSB REP MADE KNOWN IN INFORMAL CORRIDOR CONVERSATIONS

THAT EC'S PROBABLY DEFENSE WOULD BE THAT SPAIN WAS NOT A PARTICIPANT IN MFA AND THEREFORE HAD NO RIGHT OF RECOURSE TO TSB.

- 4. REPORTEDLY, THIS STATEMENT WAS CONVEYED TO SPANISH, WHO AFTER 26 MONTH DELAY, RATIFIED WITHIN 72 HOURS.
- 5. TSB CONSIDERATION THIS DISPUTE BEING REPORTED SEPARATELY. DALE

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